

West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 17, 2021, 5:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 17, 2021, 5:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Maroney, Grady, Roberts, Rucker, Stover, Takubo, Weld, Woodrum, Lindsay, Plymale, Stollings, Unger

Members absent: Senators Azinger

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Grady, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented and explained the revised Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 providing for parity of payment for telehealth services between service in-person and service provided through telehealth. Counsel explained that the revised Committee Substitute included the amendments adopted in the Committee Meeting held February 16, 2021 as well as the amendment presented by Senator Rucker but not moved for adoption before the bill was tabled. Counsel further provided details of those amendments and responded to questions of the Committee.

Ben Beakes addressed the Committee regarding the Committee Substitute for SB1. Prior to his addressing the Committee, Chairman Maroney reminded Mr. Beakes that he was still under oath pursuant to the oath administered him on February 16, 2021. Mr. Beakes responded to questions from the Committee.

Senators Lindsay, Stolllings, Rucker, Takubo and Stover address the Committee in support of the bill and further discussion and clarification of notifying primary care physicians and standard of care.

Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved to agree to the language of the Committee Substitute for SB1. The Chairman put the question on the motion and it was adopted. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

On Motion of Senator Grady the committee adjourned.

Michael J. Maroney

Chairman

Terri R. Varney

Committee Clerk/Analyst